

## REMARKS

Allowance of the application on the basis of the foregoing amendments, is respectfully requested.

Seven claims (2 - 6, 18, and 26) were pending in the application. Claims 2 - 6 and 26 stood rejected. Claim 18 was allowed. Nineteen claims (1, 7 - 17, and 19 - 25) stood canceled.

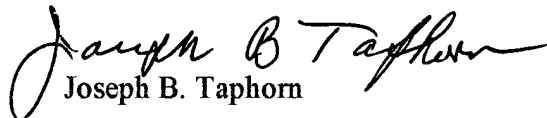
In the interests of expediting the prosecution of the application, applicants are canceling the rejected claims 2-6 and 26.

The claim, claim 18, remaining in the application, stands allowed.

## CONCLUSION

Wherefore, applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance, which favorable action at an early date is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted



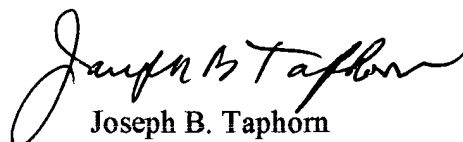
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